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Applicant(s): SAITOH et al  
Serial No.: 10/019,957  
Filed: January 7, 2002  
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HYDROXYLATED FATTY ACIDS AND  $\delta$ -LACTONES  
Group: 1651  
Examiner: Saucier

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 17, 2003

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within a two-month time period subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed July 17, 2003. A credit card payment form in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (506.41066X00 and any excess fees credited to that account.

Respectfully submitted,

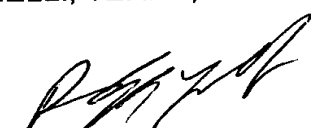
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